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SUBJECT: GOI PULLS PLUG ON CHINESE EMBASSY

1. CHINESE EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD HAS BEEN WITHOUT ELECTRICITY FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS NOW, REPORTEDLY AS PART OF IRAQI EFFORT TO FORCE CHINESE OUT OF RESTRICTED GOVERNMENT AND PARTY ENCLAVE. SOURCE WITH CLOSE LINKS TO IRAQI INTELLIGENCE STATE THAT GOI IS QUITE UPSET WITH CHINESE UTILIZATION OF THEIR LOCATION TO MONITOR MOVEMENTS OF IRAQI OFFICIALS. AS SUMMER HEAT BECOMES MORE INTENSE, LACK OF POWER FOR AIR CONDITONERS WILL CREATE CONSIDERABLE DISCOMFORT FOR CHINESE. NEXT STEP OF IRAQI AUTHORITIES COULD BE TO CUT OFF WATER TO EMBASSY, BUT THERE ARE SIGNS THAT CHINESE ARE MAKING GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO MOVE TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

2. ONLY OTHER FOREIGN CHANCERY REMAINING IN RESTRICTED AREA IS SOVIET EMBASSY. SOVIETS HAVE DEFLECTED IRAQI PRESSURE TO MOVE BY EXPRESSING READINESS TO RELOCATE IN PLANNED DIPLOMATIC ENCLAVE, BUT ONLY WHEN AUTHORITIES PROVIDE ROADS, WATER AND OTHER FACILITIES IN WHAT IS NOW NOTHING MORE THAN A WASTELAND.

3. COMMENT: CHINESE POSTION HERE HAS LONG BEEN VERY
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WEAK. CHANCERY ISSUE IS LATEST EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE NO POLITICAL CLOUT. THE PRIMARY RAISON D'ETRE OF CHINESE EMBASSY SEEMS TO BE MONITORING SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN ACTIVITIES.
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